Falling through the cracks: is healthcare accessible to all?

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Accessibility/Remoteness Index Australia (ARIA) 2011

ARIA+ (and ARIA+1), are indexes of remoteness derived from measures of road distance between populated localities and service centres. These road distance measures are then used to generate a remoteness score for any location in Australia.

ARIA+ (2011) 1km grid

- Highly Accessible (0 - 0.2)
- Moderately Accessible (0.2 - 2.4)
- Accessible (2.4 - 5.92)
- Remote (5.92 - 10.53)
- Very Remote (10.53 - 15)

Data Sources:
The University of Adelaide (APMRC - inc. GISCA), Geoscience Australia, & Australian Bureau of Statistics
• Chronic understaffing and increasing workloads;
• low wages and poor conditions;
• unreasonable professional and legal responsibilities;
• lack of career opportunities;
• stressful work environments;
• poor management practices; and,
• a poor perception of aged care in general.
Aged Care Providers are only legally required to:

(b) to maintain an adequate number of appropriately skilled staff to ensure that the care needs of care recipients are met.

s54-1, Aged Care Act 1997 (Cth)
NURSES CARERS
Are you experiencing
AGED CARE CUTS?

ONLY DURING ACCREDITATION INSPECTIONS ARE ADDITIONAL STAFF ROSTERED ON TO ENSURE ALL PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED.

ANMF National Aged Care Survey
National Aged Care Staffing and Skills Mix Project

Your chance to contribute to future aged care staffing models

www.safestaffinginagedcare.com
An average four hours and eighteen minutes of care per day, with a skills-mix requirement of:

- 30% RN
- 20% EN
- 50% AiN
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THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE

↑ +40% - Residents with higher medical needs

↓ -13% - Aged care staffing numbers

↑ +400% - Increase in preventable deaths

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Federal Parliament
$181 DAILY MEAL ALLOWANCE

Aged Care
$6 DAILY MEAL ALLOWANCE
"As a nurse, it's very hard to watch people suffer. It's soul destroying."

Cherie, Aged Care Nurse

"Aged care nurses go home despairing that they haven't been able to do their jobs and worry about their residents."

Margaret, Nurse

"The shortage of staff means a lot of people in aged care get complications that are absolutely preventable."

Gabrielle, Daughter

"I feel like sometimes I'm on a production line in a factory. You just don't get any time to properly care for the residents."

Mrs. Assistant in Nursing
AGED CARE IN CRISIS
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THERE’S A LAW TO PROTECT RUBY IN CHILDCARE

BUT NOT RUBY IN AGED CARE.
BREAKING NEWS

S ENATE INQUIRY INTO FINANCIAL AND TAX PRACTICES OF FOR-PROFIT AGED CARE PROVIDERS JUST ANNOUNCED.

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NO MORE GOVERNMENT MONEY UNTIL PROVIDERS CAN PROVE IT'S SPENT ON DIRECT CARE OF RESIDENTS.

ANMF Senate Inquiry Submission

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The Risks of Falls in Aged Care.

Many aged care residents are at high risk of falls. They may be more fragile now and more at risk. And that puts them at higher risk of falling and injuring themselves.

What happens when an older person falls?

When our bodies become more fragile, we are at higher risk of falling. And that can lead to injuries. So it’s important that we do our best to prevent falls and injuries.

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"PRESSURE SORES ARE INCREDIBLY PAINFUL.
SOMETIMES AGED CARE RESIDENTS HAVE FEET OR FEET AMPUTATED."

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WE ARE NOT ENOUGH STAFF TO GO AROUND.
I SAW THIS OLD LADY GET UP AND FALL ON THE FLOOR...

Falling is a major problem in Aged Care. It is one of the biggest causes of injuries and falls. And it’s not just a physical issue. It’s also an emotional issue. So it’s important that we do our best to prevent falls and injuries.

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"THEY SAY THERE’S DEFINITELY AN ISSUE WITH UNTRAINED STAFF ADMINISTERING MEDICATIONS."

Medicines help maintain or improve our health. Our clients are the same. They can be dangerous — even deadly. In some jurisdictions there are no safeguards in the legislation to prevent serious or unauthorised use of medicines, even high risk medications. If our aged care residents are not compliant we need to ensure that their medication is being properly managed. You can request that the medication is not a mismanagement.

FALLS IN Aged CARE: THE RISKS

Many elderly people have difficulty with getting up after a fall. This is why many older people need help with activities of daily living. They may have difficulty with getting up after a fall. This can lead to injuries.

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"I BELIEVE THE LACK OF STAFF AMOUNTS TO ABUSE."

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How to Identify Understaffing in Aged Care Facilities.

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NO WAY!
KEN WYATT BLAMES "STAFF ATTITUDES" FOR AGED CARE CRISIS
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Thank you

Questions?